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### **State Health Department Implements Emergency Stream Standard for Sheyenne River**

BISMARCK, N.D. – After reviewing requests from the city of Devils Lake and the North Dakota Water Commission, the North Dakota Department of Health – acting under the provisions of North Dakota Century Code 28-32-02 – has implemented an emergency rule for a segment of the Sheyenne River.

The department has amended the sulfate concentration level from 450 milligrams per liter (mg/L) to 750 mg/L for the segment of the river from the Sheyenne headwaters to a point just downstream of the Baldhill Dam.

The department is taking this action to allow additional discharges from Devils Lake to address concern regarding the potential for uncontrolled overflow from the east end of the lake, loss of agriculture land, stresses on local infrastructure and increasing lake levels.

This interim action will become effective immediately and may be finalized after appropriate public comment and department response.

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